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TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1901.

Weather forecast for Fredericksburg and vicinity.  
Fair and warmer Tuesday; light south winds.

**A HARD PROPOSITION.**

The viva-voce plan of voting when first mooted a few weeks since seemed to spread in favor rapidly, and we confess that for the instant we were inclined to think it would be best to revive this old-time method; but its star went quickly into decline, and now there are few that advocate it as a tangible solution of the vexed question. Nearly all, however, acknowledge its virtues under conditions differing from those surrounding us of the present day. It is beautiful in theory, and as courageous as the Swiss referendum, but it is easily seen that with the enormous labor vote, now in a measure independent, the viva-voce system would put employees at the mercy of employers, and the rapid growth of great corporations and their wonderful influence upon the politics of recent years is a guarantee that coercion would be used for all it was worth. It could be used more effectively under a viva-voce system than under any other that we could imagine.

The statesman that "knows it all" is almost legion, but if the proper and effective method of dealing with the subject has yet been promulgated it has not been generally recognized by the public or the press. The solons at Richmond in the opinion of many are frittering away precious time, but for all that they are "up against" something knotty. It may be that they would think a little less about the after-effects upon their political fortunes they might evolve some method of great and lasting benefit to the State, but it is hardly to be hoped that there are many who are oblivious of their political fates.

As the students at Randolph-Macon College are supposed to attend that institution for the purpose of studying theology, chiefly, and not to perfect themselves in the art of dancing, the faculty has condemned the practice of holding Germans at the college and will permit no more of them.—Newport News Telegram.

And for their action we commend them most heartily. To say the least it is rather inconsistent in a school embracing theological training to countenance indulgence in a practice which its ministerial students are supposed to denounce after graduation and when they have entered actively upon their profession. But whether ministerial students or not, many parents stint themselves in order to educate their children, and their time while at school should be devoted to the acquisition of useful knowledge and should not be spent in anticipation of the commencement german, etc. It cannot be denied that in many cases such things divert students from their studies, and as a result they fail in the final examinations.

The move on the part of the Ashland institution is a wise one, and we think it will receive very general endorsement.

SOME years ago at an ostentatious wedding in a prominent Staunton church the soloist struck up the sacred hymn—  
"I've found a Friend, oh, such a Friend—  
He loved me as I knew Him," etc.,—and the risibility of the congregation almost broke up the ceremony. This true incident is on a par with the following one, which we notice in an exchange:  
An English clergyman had married a young woman with a reported dowry of about £10,000, while he himself had "great expectations." Needless to say, every soul in the village knew about it. It was the first Sunday after their return from the honeymoon, and when the sermon was finished this parson proceeded, as usual, to give out the hymn, verse for verse, to his rustic congregation. All went well until the fifth verse was reached, and the parson began: "Forever let my grateful heart," when suddenly, and with some confusion, he exclaimed: "Omit the fifth verse!" and immediately began to recite aloud the sixth verse instead. Those who had hymn books promptly read the fifth verse:  
"Forever let my grateful heart,  
His boundless grace adore,  
Which gives ten thousand blessings now,  
And bids me hope for more."

A DETROIT poet in striking his head for an idea broke the drum of his ear. If poets have to knock ideas out of their heads the inference would be drawn, from the average production, that many a poet's head has never even gotten a scratch.

OUT in Kansas the people are getting so intelligent that they are even turning light on the frogs. A big electric light is flashed upon the ponds, and before the croakers recover their sight they are scooped up in nets for eating purposes.

When the Hon. John Warwick Daniel gets loose from Carter Gage, he always goes over into the Martin field.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

The love of good company is a leading characteristic usually of a man of Senator Daniel's parts.

The strikes that occurred in the United States last year cost the country, it is said, between \$400,000,000 and \$500,000,000. And yet the baseballists are "kicking" about their small salaries.

EXPLORER PEARY is thought to be lost near the North Pole. Express him a few degrees of our mercury and his salvation will be assured.

LET us trust that in the years to come some of the Convention satellites will practice what they are now preaching.

Nor a picnic this season in Orange—Orange Observer.

The area is too circumscribed for the weather.

BERLIN has 80,540 more women than men. There is a chance for the toothless old bachelor there yet.

EVIDENTLY there is nothing false about that old lady in Bedford county who has cut three sets of teeth.

NONE of the ingenious politicians have suggested a grand tour for the new Constitution.

IT is not amazing that the Bryan color is objectionable this hot weather.

The Jeffries band wagon is doing a pretty lively business.

TIME waits for nothing, and time waits for time only.

**POLITICAL.**

Gov. Shaw, of Iowa, is being spoken of as the next Republican Presidential candidate.

Mr. W. J. Hall announces himself as a possible candidate for the Legislature from Rappahannock county.

The State convention of the Prohibitionists meets in Richmond Thursday. Rev. L. A. Cutler, of Louisa, will preside.

Hon. James S. Stubbs, of Gloucester, announces his candidacy for nomination as State Senator from the Thirty-ninth Senatorial district.

The fight for the Democratic nomination in the Senatorial district of Matthews, Gloucester, Middlesex, King and Queen and Essex counties, promises to be almost as hot as it was four years ago.

A mass-meeting of the Republicans of Fauquier county, will be held on the 22d to elect delegates to the State convention at Charlottesville. It is believed that Mr. J. Hampton Hoge will secure the delegation.

It is generally conceded that Hon. Jno. L. Jeffries will get the nomination for Attorney-General. He has many more pledges from parties all over the State than all the other candidates combined, and the people want him.—Madison News.

Hon. John L. Jeffries, of Culpeper, who is prominent as a candidate for attorney general, visited Bristol on Tuesday, and met many of the leading Democrats. Mr. Jeffries talked quite encouragingly about the prospects for his nomination.—Rich. Times.

The Democrats of Middlesex county will meet at their respective voting precincts on July 20th to elect delegates to the two conventions to nominate a candidate for the State Senate and House of Delegates, and to elect four members of the county committee also.

Dr. Leato's chances for the second place on the gubernatorial ticket are no less bright than they were several weeks ago. More counties instructed for him in the election. The Richmond daily papers are inclined toward Willard, and sending his praises without any special encouragement from various parts of the State. We would suggest that the doctor's friends on the Eastern Shore who are subscribers to these papers demand some space in the interest of the doctor's candidacy.—Farmer and Fisherman.

A contest over the minority leadership of the House of Representatives is in contemplation. Representative De Armond, of Missouri, has been urged by a number of leading Democrats in the House to enter the field against Representative Richardson for the minority nomination for speaker. The Richmond daily papers are inclined toward Willard, and sending his praises without any special encouragement from various parts of the State. We would suggest that the doctor's friends on the Eastern Shore who are subscribers to these papers demand some space in the interest of the doctor's candidacy.—Farmer and Fisherman.

Accord Him Justice Now.

Mr. Swanson's career reads like a book. From a poor boy, working as a grocery clerk, by the help of some rich men who were attracted by the efforts and ability of the lad, he worked through college, and as a lawyer in Pittsylvania county, he began life and repaid his benefactors. Five times has his district returned him to the House of Representatives, where diligently and conscientiously he has served them and the State at large.—Suffolk Herald.

Mr. Swanson should not, and doubtless does not, regard his defeat as any condemnation of him personally. We believe that Virginia generally recognizes Mr. Swanson's ability and appreciate his services as a member of Congress.—Norfolk Pilot.

No, no. Mr. Swanson is all right. His record in Congress is one that any Virginian might well be proud of; but the trouble was he had on too much dead weight when he entered upon the canvass for Governor.—South Boston News.

Culpeper Gets The School.

The Methodist Church Conference for Piedmont Va., which has been in session in Albemarle county, voted to locate the official female seminary of the Charlottesville district at Culpeper, thereby closing the rivalry between many localities for this school, which has an estimated scholarship of 300 and is intended to be the church school for Methodists for that section of the State. Culpeper will have to subscribe \$15,000 to the school. Already \$8,000 has been subscribed, and the balance of \$7,000 is intended to be raised in the remaining \$7,000. The conference guarantees all expenses, and after the school is located, the conference pledges itself to raise a fund of \$35,000 as a permanent endowment fund to keep the school on a firm basis.

**REPUBLICAN PARTY'S CHANCES.**

Lewis, Rosser and Gillespie Recommended as State Ticket—Both Parties Criticized, Etc., Etc.

(Communicated.)

The indications are that the Republicans will put up a clean team in which, even the Norfolk nominee will have a walk-over. Should the Republicans elect the best and cleanest they would give Mr. Montague a run, but hardly a sufficient one to defeat him.

Referring to the above editorial extract from THE FREE LANCE of July 2nd, "A Looker On" fully endorses what is therein written. By way of introduction we have only to look at the present view of the "Gubernatorial" nomination, to come to the conclusion that the Republican party has been given a sufficient amount of very good material with which to formulate a live and very interesting campaign. Montague and his allies have said that the Democratic party has been ruled by the machine and the boss; that its management of the penitentiary has been corrupt; that its legislative has been dominated by corruptionists; and that it has in many other respects—has practically declared that party unit and unworthy to longer have place and power. On the other hand the followers of the other faction of that party have said that the Democratic party is a political humbug and that he has used his position on the school board for his own partisan and selfish purposes—in other words, they have really pronounced Montague a demagogue of the first class, so that if the Democratic party is as bad as Montague says it is, and if Montague is as bad as the other faction says he is, then, in the language of another, "The whole blessed lot of 'em" is held. And now, still, it is now openly proclaimed that the new machine—the Montague machine—is already more intolerable and tyrannical than the old one; that a man to get any recognition must speak and speak frequently the modern language of the times. That Montague will name his Lieutenant Governor, that he will name his Attorney General, that he will name his State committee, and the whole state is asked, "What will be the result?"

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Mr. J. A. L. Shaddock died recently at his home in Spotsylvania county, aged 75 years.

Capt. Albert Hobday and Mr. R. T. Moore, both citizens of Gloucester county, died a few days ago.

Mr. T. A. Richardson, of Northumberland county, died at his home near Mundy Point last week, aged 84 years.

Mr. Louis A. Garnett died recently in California. He was a brother of Miss G. F. Garnett and Capt. A. S. Garnett, of Essex county.

**VIRGINIA NEWS.**

The Gates' farm, in Loudoun county has been sold to Mrs. Platt of Dixon, Ill.

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Edward Payne, a negro, was hanged at Pulaski for attempted assault on Miss Duncan in June last.

A black rock was caught on the lower Rappahannock in a trap. It measured 1 foot 6 inches in length.

The Emancipation Association of Virginia will have a celebration at Culpeper on the 23rd of August.

The truck traffic is so heavy on the Eastern Shore that extra boats have to be put on to handle it.

A grand rally and reunion of all Veterans of Middlesex and adjoining counties will be held at Chatham Thursday, July 25th.

Dr. St. G. T. Grinnam, of Madison county, has been appointed to position in the Hudson Street Hospital, in New York.

The burning of the Jefferson will result in the Postmaster's National Association going to Atlantic City and not to Richmond.

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**CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.**

Deings of and Sayings in and About the Great Virginia Body

The convention opened upon the second month of the existence Saturday with a brief session. It first assembled on June 12, and the last thirty days have been occupied in permanent organization and in the work of committees.

Out of the country that raises English peas and Irish potatoes by thousands of acres for consumption in other parts, comes Delegate J. A. Bristol, of Essex and Middlesex, a Republican, and former candidate for Congress. "A State senator from Pennsylvania was my guest in Middlesex some days ago," said Mr. Bristol. He marvels because it is far more should be going to the Constitutional Convention. Up in the Keystone State they allow only lawyers to have such a position."

Down in Middlesex and vicinity Mr. Bristol is a man in middle life who would quite a political influence, for he finds leisure apart from attending to his crops to observe what local and State leaders are doing. "Our delegates to the Republican convention," said he, "will probably go to the convention uncommitted. The same will be true not only of Middlesex, but likewise in my opinion, of Gloucester, Essex, and Matthews. But I should not be surprised if they decide to vote for Col. J. Hampton Hoge for governor."—Washington Post.

Delegate Pettit, of Fluvanna, now past 80 and the oldest member of the convention, was granted a leave of absence in order to be at home on the occasion of the anniversary of his golden wedding.

The Committee on Retrenchment, of which Mr. Eugene Withers is the chairman, fixed times for regular sittings. This committee expects to have before it every legal department in the State from the Governor down to ascertain their views of lopping off expenses. Mr. Withers has given the matter of public economy years of study and intends to endeavor to cut down the costs of the administration of Virginia's affairs immensely.

Requiring telegraph and telephone companies to receive and transmit messages from other lines at reasonable rates. It also permits any telegraph company to use the right of way of railroads.

Mr. Fairfax of Loudoun, an ordinance providing for a State tax commission board. It is to consist of the Governor, Auditor and Treasurer and three other members.

Mr. Pedigo, Republican, of Henry presented a resolution providing for a reduction of representation in the General Assembly proportional to the vote of the voters under the new constitution. Mr. Mundy, another Republican, proposes to make it a crime to pay the poll of a voter.

Delegate Walker, of Westmoreland, presented a report authorizing the employment of additional clerks in the office of the public auditor to enable that official to answer the numerous inquiries proposed. At the convention, each clerk to receive not exceeding \$4 a day, and it was adopted.

**Special Seashore Excursion.**

On June 20th, July 5th and 18th, August 1st, 15th and 29th and September 12th, special excursion tickets will be sold to Atlantic City, Anglen, Avalon, Cape May, Holly Beach, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Wildwood, N. J., and Rehoboth, Del., at round trip rate of \$6.00 from Fredericksburg.

The good on all regular trains leaving Fredericksburg and Washington on dates mentioned, and limited for return seven days (17) days including date of sale.

Tickets to Atlantic City will be good via Delaware River line route with no additional charge. To other points good only via Market Street Ferry, transfer through Philadelphia to be arranged by the passenger.

**ORANGE.**

Skull Fractured With a Rock—Thirty Farmers and Good Crops—Personal Notes, Etc.

(Correspondence of THE FREE LANCE.) Orange County, Va., July 13th, 1901.

There has been a considerable stir among the negroes in Pamunkey section this week. Sunday while a game of baseball was in progress at Shady Grove colored church Robert Yancey and another player named Green had an altercation in which Yancey struck Green on the head with a rock, fracturing his skull. Green is still alive and Yancey is awaiting developments in the jail, where he was sent after preliminary trial by Justice W. H. Camper, a wise and fearless defender of human life and human rights. Yancey bears a bad name, and opinions are freely expressed about the fact.

Cattle-brokers from far and near have been in our section late. Messrs. John Frazer, Marshall Decker, Geo. W. Morton and Dr. C. R. Mison have sold their fine herds at something over 40c. per pound. It is current among dealers that considerable money has been lost on late lambs. Hogs are scarce and in demand. Wheat-threshing is far advanced. Up to this time Mr. Geo. W. Morton holds the highest record in this section. He has threshed 700 bushels from 30 acres. It is said all around that Mr. O. T. Terrill has the best corn crop ever seen in this section; that he will cut over 100 tons of fine hay. When he threshes wheat Mr. Terrill has never known to over the ribbon, and his herd of cattle is of the first order. Thus, it seems, our thirty thrifty neighbors have not reared a trio of children that in the solid and ornate stand upon an eminence, but are in the front rank among people famed for industry and independence.

We regret to note the continued illness of Mrs. Margaret Pannell, near Pine Top. Mr. J. H. Burruss' son, Hamilton, cut his leg so badly with a scythe a few days since that Dr. Woolfolk had to sew it up. He is doing well.

The many friends and relatives of Mr. Lee J. Graves, Commonwealth's Attorney of Spotsylvania county, learn of the serious illness of his little son. We are glad to note the improvement of Miss Lizzie Terrill, who underwent a severe operation for appendicitis at St. Luke's in Richmond, last week.

Miss Adelle Coleman is yet quite sick, but is improving.

The cool wave has greatly benefited the sanitary condition of our neighborhood, and we hope the hottest days of this summer are passed.

During last May an infant child of our neighbor was suffering from cholera infantum. The doctors had given up all hopes of recovery. I took a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy to the house, telling them I felt sure it would do good if used according to directions. In two days time the child had fully recovered. The child is now vigorous and healthy. I have never known one to fail.—Mrs. Curtis Baker, Bookkeeper, Ohio. Sold by M. M. Lewis.

For Montague, Le Cato and Jeffries. Amelia county elected her delegates Saturday, and instructed for Montague, Le Cato and Jeffries. Elyson was endorsed for State chairman.

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